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Application No. : 09/700,561  
Inventor(s) : Gregory Ashton, et al.  
Filed : November 16, 2000  
Art Unit : 3761  
Examiner : Michele M. Kidwell  
Docket No. : AA315X  
Confirmation. No. : 6013  
Customer No. : 27752  
Title : Disposable Absorbent Article

**SUBMISSION OF AMENDMENT WITH FILING OF RCE**

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**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on April 12, 2006, a timely Notice of Appeal was filed on July 12, 2006. An Amendment after Final Office Action was also filed on July 12, 2006. A timely Appeal Brief was filed on September 12, 2006. The Appeal Brief contained a copy of the claims as presented in the Amendment after Final Office Action. An Advisory Action mailed on December 4, 2006 stated that the amendments in the Amendment of July 12, 2006 would not be entered. A Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed on December 4, 2006 stated that the Appeal Brief was non-compliant because the Appeal Brief did not contain a correct copy of the appealed claims.

With this submission, please withdraw the above-identified application from appeal and, in accordance with the RCE and the RCE fee (submitted herewith), in response to the Final Office Action mailed on April 12, 2006, amend the application as follows, consider the following Remarks, and reconsider the application.

*Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 2.

*Remarks* begin on page 4.